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**RE: Approval of Claims**

Dr Henney:

The court ruling earlier this year granting nutritional supplement manufacturers the right to apply labeling to their products contrary to years of "well-intentioned" disapproval of such by the FDA was long overdue. It served notice that the FDA has been on the wrong side of this issue for years and unfortunately in so doing has cost needless loss of life and suffering to so many of our citizens. Such a position by a government agency is not only outrageous, it is ludicrous and perverse.

I am not a retailer, physician, or otherwise associated in a business or professional capacity with nutritional supplements. I am however a private citizen and consumer of such products and who is well aware as I have been for some time of their beneficial health effects. The current climate of corruption in our government is obvious to the naked eye as never before in our nation's history. As a result I have no trust whatsoever in any government agency to act selflessly and in the best interest of the people whom they serve and that certainly includes the FDA.

Nevertheless, following the advice and suggestion of Dr. Julian Whitaker, founder of the Whitaker Wellness Institute, who has long been an outspoken activist for alternative medicine, I urge you to act promptly on the 4 claims filed for:

- (1) Saw Palmetto and the symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia
- (2) Psyllium Husk Seeds and the risk of heart disease
- (3) Folic Acid, Vitamin B6 and Vitamin B12 and cardiovascular disease
- (4) Vitamin E and the risk of cardiovascular disease

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